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Sir:

Please advise us as soon as possible of the status of the above-identified patent application, including an estimated date of the initial Office Action.

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